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Life of a Scholar Lecture on Oct. 26 Entitled “Undomesticated Dissent”

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University’s Life of the Scholar program invites the public to “Undomesticated Dissent,” a lecture by Dr. Curtis Freeman, in Faith Hall in the Tucker Student Center on Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., as part of the Joyce Compton Brown Lecture Series. A reception with light refreshments will follow, and copies of Freeman’s book will be available for purchase and signing after the lecture.

Freeman is a research professor of theology and Baptist studies and director of the Baptist House of Studies at Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N.C. He is the author of “Contesting Catholicity: Theology for Other Baptists” and editor of “A Company of Women Preachers: Baptist Prophetesses in Seventeenth-Century England,” “Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Christian People,” and “Ties That Bind: Life Together in the Baptist Vision.” He is currently co-chair of the commission to the international ecumenical dialogue between the Baptist World Alliance and the World Methodist Council and has also served on the commissions to the international ecumenical dialogues the Baptist World Alliance has held with the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church.

The lecture will focus on three major works of dissent: “Pilgrim’s Progress,” “Robinson Crusoe,” and “Jerusalem.” “By telling the story of dissent in this way,” Freeman said, “it will become clear that the voices of dissent are always subject to the forces of domestication, by becoming ‘hand-tamed’ to the powers that be. At times the radical spirit slumbers away in uncomfortable dreams while the nations rage or becomes gentled to the touch and taste of polite culture, only to rise again unexpectedly in all its undomesticated fervor. Perhaps by remembering these stories of those memorialized in stone, the slumbering saints may be awakened and the voices of undomesticated dissent may arise yet again.”

Freeman will also serve as guest preacher for the Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity chapel service earlier that day at 1 p.m. in Dover Chapel on the Gardner-Webb University campus. His message, titled “Beastly Powers,” will be based on Revelation 13:1-18.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the lecture. Please call 704.406.4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu

with your request.

Gardner-Webb's scholarly lecture series is named for Dr. Joyce Compton Brown, professor emerita of English at Gardner-Webb, who retired in 2005 after almost 40 years of service as an English Professor. Among her many accomplishments, Brown formed a lecture series as part of the University's Life of the Scholar Program in the early 1990s to introduce students to the challenging and dynamic world of professional scholarship. After her retirement, her family, friends and colleagues established a fund to provide continued support for the series she nurtured.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for professional success and for productive citizenship.